

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/686,605

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Korie H. Chan

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 9/28/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/17/2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Harry Sernaker on December 7, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 9, after "cavity", the dash and the comma has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 10, after "comprising", - - an upper position section, - - has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 11, after "upwardly", - - disposed - - has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 12, after "each", - - V-shaped section - - has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 17, "thereof" has been replaced with - - of the track - -.

Claim 1, line 20, after "side", - - slidably and rotatably - - has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 22, "at" has been replaced with - - where the coupling member engage - -, then after "section", "where" has been replaced with - - such that - -.

Claim 1, line 23, "after "configuration", - - where the coupling member is - - has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 24, "by a user" has been replaced with - - and wherein such movement is achieved by - -.

Claim 1, line 25, "rear" has been replaced with - - lower - -.

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Claim 1, line 30, "and" has been replaced with - - for use. - -.

Claim 1, the entire last line has been deleted.

Claim 3, line 1, "cable fixed" has been replaced with - - retractable horn cleat - -.

Claim 4, line 1, "cable fixed" has been replaced with - - retractable horn cleat - -.

Claim 5, line 1, "cable fixed" has been replaced with - - retractable horn cleat - -.

Claim 6, line 1, "cable fixed" has been replaced with - - retractable horn cleat - -.

Claim 7, line 1, "cable fixed" has been replaced with - - retractable horn cleat - -.

Claim 7, line 3, "as" has been deleted.

Claim 7, line 4, "while" has been replaced with - - when - -.

Claim 7, line 5, before "top", "a" has been replaced with - - the - -.

Claim 8, line 1, "cable fixed" has been replaced with - - retractable horn cleat - -.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record alone or in combination fail to disclose a cleat device have the claimed features and particularly a coupling member slidably and rotatably disposed in the longitudinal track such that in the retracted configuration, the coupling member engage the V-shaped positioning section such that the coupling member is obliquely angled and wherein the coupling member is caused to rotatably and slidingly move along a lower aspect of the track to the V-shaped guiding section where the coupling member is caused to rotate to a longitudinal orientation that permits the coupling member to move upward.

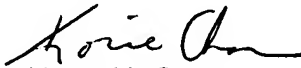
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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 703-305-8079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached on 703-308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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